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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 1, 1999

Mr. WELLSTONE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED TO VALIDATE LAND**
4 **TRANSACTIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, without further approval, ratification, or au-
7 thorization by the United States, the Lower Sioux Indian

1 Community in the State of Minnesota (referred to in this
 2 section as the “Community”), may lease, sell, convey, war-
 3 rant, or otherwise transfer all or any part of the Commu-
 4 nity’s interest in any real property that is not held—

5 (1) within the borders of the Lower Sioux Res-
 6 ervation; or

7 (2) in trust by the United States for the benefit
 8 of the Community.

9 (b) TRUST LAND NOT AFFECTED.—Nothing in this
 10 section is intended or shall be construed to—

11 (1) authorize the Community to lease, sell, con-
 12 vey, warrant, or otherwise transfer all or any part
 13 of an interest in any real property that is held in
 14 trust by the United States for the benefit of the
 15 Community; or

16 (2) affect the operation of any law governing
 17 leasing, selling, conveying, warranting, or otherwise
 18 transferring any interest in such trust land.

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